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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of D. Brown et al.  
 Serial No. 09/839,424  
 Filed April 20, 2001  
 Confirmation No. 1761  
 For 2-FLUOROBENZENESULFONYL COMPOUNDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
 INFLAMMATION  
 Examiner: B. Robinson

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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

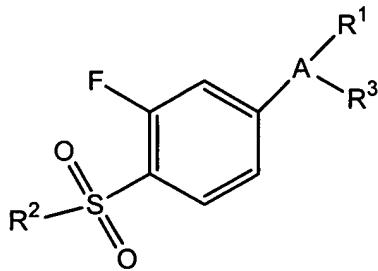
SIR:

In response to the Office action dated 30 January 2002, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Once amended) A compound of Formula I:



wherein:

A is a 5- or 6-member ring substituent selected from partially saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic and carbocyclic rings;

R<sup>1</sup> is cyclohexyl, pyridinyl, or phenyl, wherein said cyclohexyl, pyridinyl, and phenyl is optionally substituted with one, two or three radicals selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-2</sub>-